

How Ottawa Works

Course outline

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Duration 2.00 day(s) | 12:00 hours ¹

Website link <https://pmctraining.com/training/how-ottawa-works/>

How to Function More Effectively Working For or Within Government

This two-day workshop will provide you with an overview of the structures, processes and players of the Government of Canada – the machinery of government. It presents the current context, government plans, priorities and the relationship between government and the Public Service. You'll also learn about the history, traditions and values that have shaped the Canadian parliamentary system.

Learning outcomes

At the end of this workshop, you will be able to:

- How Ottawa works with a Westminster system of government
- Canada as a bilingual, multicultural country with its policy and legislative framework including the Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- Roles and responsibilities of government, Prime Minister, Cabinet, Ministers, Federal Departments, Central Agencies, and Parliament
- Decision making processes of Cabinet
- How policy is developed and the factors that influence it
- How legislation is passed
- Interactions between stakeholders: citizens, lobbyists, pressure groups, politicians and public servants
- Relationship between the Government of Canada and the provinces and territories
- Role of the Public Servant

Workshop topics

- The constitutional basis of Canadian democracy
- Federal system of Canada
- Westminster system of government

¹ The course hours reflect teaching time that often correlate with continuing education credits (CEC) or professional development units (PDU). Please check with your profession's governing body, as there is no universal approach.

- Parliament (The Queen, House of Commons, Senate and committees)
- Government departments and central agencies
- The executive and cabinet committees
- The legal system
- Policy development process
- Legislative process
- Budgets and the Estimates

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course

Who should attend this course?

This course is designed for those who are fairly new to the federal government or those who wish to have a refresher; public servants who are policy officers or program managers and those outside government who seek to understand how the federal government works.